

Interesting Current Events in Old World Lands: Capitals of Europe Send Gleamings by Submarine Wires

MYSTERY SURROUNDS AUSTRIAN WAR CHIEF

Vienna Still Puzzled by Sudden Change in Administration of Army

MANY THEORIES URGED

New Commander Said to Be Most Friendly Disposed Toward Serbia

VIENNA, Dec. 28. The resignations of the minister of war and of the chief of the general staff of the Austrian army have caused a sensation of bewilderment. Some ascribe the resignations to personal differences between the minister of war and the chief of staff. Another theory is that the emperor rejected the order for mobilization submitted to him by General Schemm.

Mostly likely, however, the resignations mark a victory for Count Berchtold's cautious and conciliatory policy, against which they are supposed to be a protest.

This view is the more likely, as General Conrad von Hotzendorf, who succeeds to the position of chief of the general staff of the army, is known to be an advocate of a peaceful understanding with Serbia.

Nevertheless, nobody outside the high official circle immediately concerned knows positively why the resignations were brought about. It is at least certain that they were obliged to resign because it is quite inconsistent with the military methods of Austria-Hungary that a high official in the army should take the initiative in leaving his post if the emperor desires to retain his services.

'Internal Organization'

Many reasons for the resignations are given in the newspapers, but all are futile and unconvincing. An important and unprecedented case at such a moment cannot be explained away on the ground of mere personal differences. All that the military officials are willing to say at present is that the resignation of the two heads of the army is in no way connected with either the political or diplomatic situation, but that the affair was purely a matter of the internal organization of the army and of military administration.

A different view is expressed in diplomatic circles, where the resignations are considered rather as signifying the peaceful development of the Serbian question. There are, in fact, slight indications that the Serbian government is beginning to treat her cause more judiciously with Austria, although no official step in this direction has been made by the Serbian cabinet.

The source also has interpreted the resignation as a general sign, although it begins known today that \$2,000,000 worth of Austrian treasury bonds have been placed on the American market, and a similar amount has been taken by a German syndicate from Hungary.

Against Serbia

It must be mentioned, however, that a pessimistic view of the surprising military changes is predominant in the press, as well as in certain other Austrian quarters. The changes are regarded as directed against Serbia.

In the meantime reports have reached here of drastic action by Serbian troops against Albanians in the interior of the country. It is suggested that this action is practically exterminatory. Should these reports prove true, the situation between Serbia and Austria will not be amicable.

Circumstances Dramatic

The reappointment of General Conrad von Hotzendorf has been made under circumstances as dramatic as his retirement from the same post just twelve months ago. He is regarded as one of the most efficient officers in the Austrian army, and the archduke Francis Ferdinand is said to have used his influence to secure his selection as chief of staff six years ago.

The general at once set about strengthening the defenses on the Austro-Italian frontier, and last year he came into conflict with the late Count Aehrenthal regarding the latter's attitude toward Italy regarding the Tripoli campaign. The chief of staff's resignation became a matter of "regrettable necessity," and the circumstances caused a great stir in Austria at the time. An "authoritative military statement," which in some quarters was attributed to the emperor, made it clear that the general had not fallen in royal favor.

WIFE AND HER LOVER CUT HUSBAND'S THROAT

She First Places Crime on Burglars, But Breaks Down and Confesses

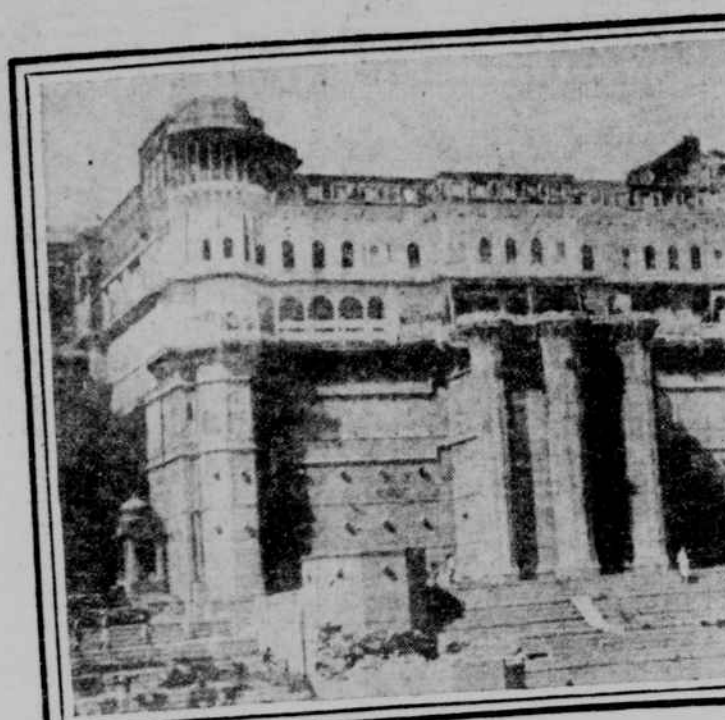
CONFEDERATE SKIPS

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28.

At 4 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Koch, wife of a wealthy manufacturer, went in her night attire to the police station and informed the police that her husband had been murdered by burglars while sleeping by her side. After breaking into the residence the burglars, a said, cut her husband's throat with a razor and attempted to strangle her, after which she escaped with \$500, which they took from the house.

The wife's narrative aroused the suspicion of the police and she was arrested. She appeared before a magistrate. To him she confessed that she and her lover, a man named Widing, aged 28, had murdered her husband.

Mrs. Koch, who is 42 years of age, is a good-looking, well-educated woman. Her husband was 64 years old. The police have issued a warrant for the arrest of her lover, who is supposed to have fled to England.



MODERN INDIAN ARCHITECTURE FOR NEW CITY

PASTOR BREAKS WAY INTO HIS CHAPEL

Armed With Hammer He Quickly Removes Obstacles of Doors and Windows

HOLDS FORT ALL DAY

LONDON, Dec. 28. An unusual scene occurred yesterday at Crane street Baptist Chapel, Pontypool, where differences have arisen between the pastor, the Rev. Daniel Hughes, and some of the congregation. A week ago the congregation decided by a majority of twenty-one to call for the minister's resignation, but he refused to tender it or to attend a deacons' meeting at which he was to have received three months' salary in lieu of notice.

He announced that he would baptize a number of people yesterday, and the deacons, contending that the usual regulations had not been complied with, had all the doors, gates and windows barred, and announced that no services would be held.

When Mr. Hughes arrived at the locked gates yesterday morning he climbed over the railing, carefully inspected the padlocks and chains and then secured a heavy hammer. He soon broke his way through and walked to the vestry door, part of which was of glass.

He smashed the glass to fragments, entered the building and, using his hammer again, broke the fastenings off the main door.

A crowd of people who had collected to watch his operations went inside, where Mr. Hughes instead of a sermon, made a speech in self-defense and said that he was ready to face the consequences of his action in the courts.

In a speech before he entered, Mr. Hughes said the deacons had told him that his followers were "unbelievable" and "a mob." He declared that the deacons' action was illegal and said: "I am captain of the ship."

Mr. Hughes stayed in the chapel all day and was supplied with his food there. At the evening service, when he baptized nine persons, he played his cause again, and to such effect that the congregation passed a resolution in favor of reversing the previous decision that he should resign.

RUSSIAN STUDENTS IN OPEN REBELLION

Refuse to Obey Recent Order That They Salute All Military Officers

MEETINGS SUPPRESSED

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.

An imperial order was recently issued through the ministry of war laying down that the students at the Military Medical Academy should salute all officers as the students in the cadet corps do. Under these regulations students are also required to ask permission of any officer present before sitting down in a tram car, and to declare that they would only, as hitherto, salute generals. They likewise decided in a demonstrative manner to suspend work for three days and to boycott lectures.

Cossacks were requisitioned yesterday at Kiev University to suppress a meeting of protest against the treatment of convicts. All the other high schools are surrounded by police, and Cossacks are patrolling the streets. Many searches and arrests have been made.

Before midday yesterday over 200 complaints from officers had reached the chief of the Military Medical Academy stating that students had not fulfilled the imperial order. Only thirteen students attended two lectures today. The other lectures were boycotted.

OFFICIAL WHEELBARROWS

Strange Means of Transit of French Functionaries

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The French officials on the Ivory Coast, West Africa, are in future to make their official journeys in wheelbarrows.

This is announced in the official gazette of the French African colonies, which points out that the natives are showing an increased disinclination to carry either baggage or travelers on their heads. A one-wheeled vehicle of light and elegant structure capable of carrying one passenger and his baggage has therefore been devised.

NEW TUNNEL MAY WEAKEN ST. PAUL'S

Famous London Cathedral Said to Be Confronted by Grave Danger

AUTHORITIES PROTEST

LONDON, Dec. 28. A new danger threatens St. Paul's Cathedral, in the opinion of those responsible for the fabric, the proposed tramway tunnel that forms an important part of the St. Paul's bridge scheme being regarded with apprehension.

"The parliamentary bill seeking power for this new venture has just been deposited by the London county council, and so we feel that we must make our protest at once," said Canon S. A. Alexander, treasurer of the Cathedral, last night.

"The danger arises out of the fear entertained by our expert advisers that the proposed subway, through which trams will run from a terminus at Chancery Lane, under the east side of the churchyard and Cannon street to a point near the new bridge, will drain our foundations. The Cathedral is built on water-bearing soil above the clay, and the constant danger is that this soil may become dry and crack in bulk, thus leading to settlements of the foundations and cracking of the walls. Indeed, Mervyn Macartney, architect to the dean and chapter, takes so serious a view of any such drainage that he is unable to say where the damage might end. When we remember that Holy Trinity in Kingsway which stands beside a similar subway had to be rebuilt, we cannot but do all in our power to save St. Paul's from the possibility of ruin."

A protest has today been addressed to the chairman of the L. C. C. by the dean and chapter, and as custodians of a great national monument we trust that due weight will be given to our point of view. About five years ago the council diverted a big sewer scheme which it was thought threatened the Cathedral just as the proposed subway would do, and so we are hopeful in this matter. The cost of lighting the L. C. C.'s bill would be so heavy for us and it is so difficult to find money for the present necessary repairs, even for the sewer scheme, that we are in urging the authorities to drop that part of the scheme, which, in the opinion of all experts, would seriously threaten Wren's great masterpiece."

OLD WOMAN TRAPS AN ARMED CRIMINAL

His Game Was to Obtain Money Under Threats Conveyed in Letters

POSED AS A POLICEMAN

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28.

An armed criminal was arrested yesterday afternoon at the Brussels palace of justice through the presence of mind of an elderly woman of independent means named Mme. Van Houten.

She had received threatening letters demanding money, says the Soir. Yesterday afternoon a man called and told her he had a letter signed by a police officer, asking her to place notes for the sum demanded in an envelope so that the police might deliver it at the appointed place. She had her suspicions, and delayed the man until a policeman was met, when he was given into custody.

The pseudo-policeman was at first indignant, but later he consented to take a letter from the woman to the Salle des Pas-Perdus at the palace of justice, where two police officers arrested him.

There he was found to be carrying a loaded Browning pistol. Threatening letters found on him included one saying that he would kidnap the baby of a woman, and that for each day she delayed sending him the money he demanded he would cut off one of the child's fingers.

7-YEAR-OLD ACTOR STRIKES

Company Sues Him, But He Wins His Case in Court

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A 7-year-old actor, Debuss, who has been earning over \$2500 a year from a cinematograph company, refused to appear on the same stage as another child actor. The company asked the court to prohibit him from using the name of "Baby," which they regarded as their property, and from appearing in any cinematograph show before next June, under a penalty of \$400 for each contravention.

The 7-year-old "star" was legally represented and won his case.

THE NORTH SEA AIRSHIPS

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The German admiralty has purchased a plot of land on the north of the Elbe, for the first aerial naval station. It will include a garage, capable of being turned round, for two Zeppelin airships. The BZ estimates will provide a further \$425,000 for naval airships and \$100,000 for establishing and equipping Cuxhaven station, the station of which will consist of 200 officers and men.

Bonus for Teachers' Babies

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—The Dutch government proposes to increase the salaries of married teachers who have reached the age of 25 and who have two or more children. They will receive \$17 a year in respect of each child until the children reach the age of 15.

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PRINCE LOUIS ALEXANDER OF BATTENBERG

44,156 MILES IN AIR IS THE GERMAN RECORD

Proof of Value of Dirigibles Given by Statistics of Waning Year

SOME STARTLING FIGURES

HAMBURG, Dec. 28. Striking proof of the value of dirigibles is found in the detailed account just published of the performances of the different types of German Zeppelin airships during the present year.

The Zeppelin fleet of dirigibles traveled on 26 days, with a time duration of 1267 hours, covering a total distance of 44,156 miles.

Ten thousand three hundred persons were more or less actively employed in connection with their flights.

The airship Victoria Louise holds the record so far. It traveled on 231 days, its total number of hours in the air amounting to 497. It covered 18,700 miles, employed, all told, 249 persons and carrying 197 passengers.

The Schwaben flew on 142 days, totaling 456 hours and covering 9100 miles. Its crew numbered 244 men and its passengers 1000.

The Hansa made trips on thirty-five days. It did exceptionally well during that time. Its sixty-five flights were accomplished in 104 hours. It employed 28 men and carried 825 passengers.

The highest speed attained by the airships, independent of wind currents, was sixty miles. With favorable winds, however, the Zeppelins reached a speed of eighty miles.

The dirigibles, besides, distinguished themselves in a special manner on their great sea trips, proving their capacity as maritime airships.

On March 4 the Victoria Louise made a trip from Friedrichshafen to Frankfurt-on-Main.

On June 18, in the teeth of a strong gale, it went from Düsseldorf, over Holland, to Hamburg.

From Hamburg it made several trips to Kiel and Lubeck, as well as great trips across the North sea to Westernland and Heligoland, and a trip to Hanover.

The brilliant results achieved by the German airships have led the German naval and military authorities to take over a number of them and place them at the service of the army and navy.

New airships now being built will have great carrying capacity. Besides the crew of fifteen which each of them can accommodate, they can take aboard several thousand tons of explosives. They are being equipped with a number of machine guns. Two will be placed on the deck of the airship, to be fired at the enemy's aeroplanes or airships on their attempting to overfly her.

The new vessels will be able to remain in the air for at least sixty hours without landing.

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The building, which will include large movable airships to accommodate two or three, is to be opened about the middle of next year.

Pistols for Police

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Essex standing committee has decided to purchase pistols with which to arm the police when engaged on special duty.

KUBELIK'S VIOLIN IS SEIZED FOR DEBT

Judgment Given by Berlin Court for Breach of Contract in New Zealand

COUNTLESS WIFE WEEPS

BERLIN, Dec. 28.

M. Kubelik's famous Guarnerius violin, valued at \$12,500, was seized by the court authorities here yesterday to satisfy a judgment in favor of Hugo Goritz, concert director, London. The judgment was granted in connection with breach of contract proceedings instituted on the occasion of M. Kubelik's New Zealand tour in 1908. The bailiffs who made the seizure appeared at the concert hall where M. Kubelik was to perform. The violinist offered a check in payment of the first judgment, but it was refused.

M. Kubelik expects to regain possession of the instrument before his departure for Vienna, where he has arranged to be operated upon for appendicitis some time between now and Christmas. His concert yesterday is harshly reviewed by the Berlin critics, but the latter explains that the "starvation cure" which he is undergoing prior to the operation has led him to play in a weakened physical condition.

Mme. Kubelik, the Hungarian Countess Marianne Csaky-Szall, was deeply affected by the seizure of the Guarnerius, and wept bitterly when discussing the incident.

The damages awarded by the courts at Wellington, New Zealand, in the action referred to amounted to \$250.

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ROYAL TOMB RIFLED FOR GEMS ON CORPSE

Ghouls Rob the Body of Mother of Italy's Dowager Queen

COSTLY JEWELS TAKEN

ROME, Dec. 28.

The monumental basilica of Supera, under whose dome, crowning the hill tops in the environs of Turin, lie buried a long line of kings and princely members of the house of Savoy, was last night desecrated by a gang of thieves intent on rifling the corpse of the late Dowager Duchess Elizabeth of Genoa, mother of Queen Margherita.

The crime was evidently carefully planned, the miscreants having taken the precaution to cut all telephonic and telegraphic communication with Turin and neighboring hamlets, while the entrances from the basilica to the royal crypt were stoutly barred with iron from the inside to prevent surprise.

The gang had obtained information that the Duchess Elizabeth had been laid to rest in a niche wearing her favorite pearl necklace and a pair of earrings set with brilliant. Having broken the brickwork that protects the tomb, the ghouls set to work to wrench open, one after another, the three coffins of walnut, zinc and lead incasing the remains. On securing the desired booty they got clear away without apparently leaving any trace of their identity.

The sarcophagus was discovered by the carabinieri after he had opened the royal basilica for mass.

Queen Margherita and the duke of Genoa were immediately telegraphed for, and strict instructions were issued from Rome to track down the perpetrators of the outrage at all costs.

Strange to say, the great basilica is unguarded at night, the nearest police station being at the foot of the mountain.

\$87,000 FOR PICTURE BY LIVING ARTIST

This the Record Price Ever Paid for Work of Man Not Dead

SOLD BY HIM FOR \$100

PARIS, Dec. 28.

A picture sold yesterday for \$87,000 at the Rouart sale, "Les Dames d'la Barre," by Degas generally counted among the impressions of the sixties, thus fetching the largest price ever obtained for the work of a living artist, was sold by M. Degas himself, he stated, for \$100. Seventy-nine years of age, M. Degas leads a retired life in Montmartre. He is almost blind and never touches his palette.

The fact is recalled that Millet's "Angelus," which he sold for \$180, was bought by M. Chausson, the French millionaire, for more than \$200,000, while the price obtained for the picture by Degas is exactly the same as that produced at the sale of Mme. Rouart's pictures in Paris last March for \$100,000.

The portrait of the countess of Villiers, by Lawrence, died in 1891, as the Maitre observed, "Degas was born in 1849."

The only case known of a picture ever approximately large being paid for the work of a living artist in England is the reported payment of \$4,000 to the late Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema for his picture, "The Finding of Moses."

Prices realized at today's sale included \$2,500 for "Eugenie" (Eugenie) thought by Sir Hugh Lane, director of the Dublin Art Gallery, and \$1,000 for two French works. The total for the three days' sale is \$125,000.

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WOMEN BY DRESSING WELL, HONOR SOLDIERS

Strange Tribute to Patriots' Valor Paid by Servian Matrons and Maids

YET ALL DO THEIR DUTY

Work Hard for Hours Daily in Hospitals, Then Dress as if for Ball

By Annie Christlich

Belgrade, Dec. 28.

"The bigger the battle, the bigger the bride." This is the conclusion that any stranger would come to on observing the smart groups of fashionably dressed women in the Servian capital who discuss the victories of the Balkan troops. Belgrade has always been noted for the conscientiousness with which the feminine portion of its population follow the Paris and Vienna modes, but now, in war time, the elegant costumes and marvelous millinery surpass anything that has yet been seen. There is scarcely a woman here who does not work at the hospitals in the white uniform of the Red Cross, but when she is off duty she would deem it unworthy to go about dowdily dressed.

"Do you mean to say that you will show yourself in that tweed costume?" a near relative said to me when I arrived from London, where I had been in a "sport's outfit" as eminently suitable for the occasion.

"Smartness and Heroism." "Don't you know that it is war time, and you have brought nothing smart to wear?"

I gazed at her in amazement. "Why, what will you wear for the first victory?" she demanded.

"But," I protested feebly, "it came to work, and I thought—"

"Exactly; of course, to work, and what do you think we are doing? But is it, in your opinion, doing honor to our men folk, who are laying down their lives for the country, if we show ourselves careless and indifferent about our dress? They are doing their part, let us do ours. I will take you to our best customer this afternoon."

I entered, then, a smart, painted and coiffured, it was only the dress of the first success of the Servian arms that I grasped the situation. These ladies, who spend eight, and sometimes twelve, hours out of twenty-four in ministering to the wounded, refuse to be downhearted or dowdy. Why, indeed, their town was where such a righteous and time-honored process is going on as that of fighting the Turk?

Clothes Give Confidence

Moreover, to be well dressed means to be confident. A large hat with powerful plume is far more fitting for the wife of a colonel whose entry into a Turkish fortress may any moment be reported, than would be a